

REMARKS

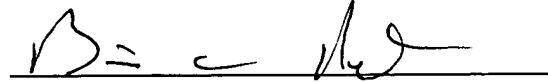
Claims 14-43 remain in the application. Claims 18-20, 27-37, 39, and 41-43 stand allowed. Claims 14-17, 21-22, 24-26, 38 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Arisaka et al. (U.S. Patent 5,930,082). Claims 16, 23 and 26 have been cancelled in the pending amendment.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the telephone discussion of 2/27/04. Applicants have taken the Examiner's suggestions and amended the claims accordingly. Specifically, claim 14 has been amended to recite a microactuator.

As a result of the present amendments to the relevant claims, Applicants assert that all of the independent claims are now in condition for prompt allowance. Applicants have specifically amended the rejected independent claims to include more specific language regarding the MICROACTUATOR in connection with the other features of the relevant claims. Thus, it is believed that all of the pending independent claims and the dependent claims are believe to be allowable.

Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the dependent claims enumerated above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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